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**TO: Pharmacy (54) Provider Letter A-477**

**RE: Submitting National Provider Identifier (NPI) and Taxonomy Code(s) to  
*KyHealth Choices***

Dear *KyHealth Choices* Provider:

The Administrative Simplification provisions (45 CFR Part 162) of the *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)* mandate the adoption of standard unique identifiers for health care service providers. This standard identifier is the National Provider Identifier (NPI) and was developed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Enumeration of providers began on May 23, 2005. **Pharmacy service providers are required to obtain an NPI and submit this information to *KyHealth Choices* prior to May 14, 2007, for claims processing.**

**Effective May 14, 2007, *KyHealth Choices* will require the pharmacy's NPI on all electronic (point of sale) and paper claims regardless of the date of service for the claim.** Pharmacy claims received on or after May 14, 2007, will require the pharmacy's NPI for adjudication.

The prescriber identifier will continue to be the state license number until May 23, 2007. **Effective May 23, 2007, the prescriber identifier in the HIPAA standard NCPDP transaction must be the prescriber's NPI.** Claims received on or after May 23, 2007, will require **both** the pharmacy NPI **and** the prescriber NPI for adjudication.

Pharmacy providers are encouraged to sign up for automated email updates in order to receive the latest information and reminders regarding this requirement. To sign up, visit the Kentucky pharmacy website (<http://kentucky.fhsc.com/pharmacy/default.asp>). On the website, choose the "Providers" tab, click on "Email Update Registration", then supply the requested information and "Submit".



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Providers who have not yet applied to the National Provider and Plan Enumeration System (NPES) for their NPI should do so as soon as possible.

During the enumeration (application) process, providers will choose the appropriate taxonomy code(s) for their health service type. The NPES website has a tutorial with a step-by-step instruction video. Website information is listed below:

- Contact NPES to obtain a paper copy of the application by calling 1-800-465-3203 or by e-mail at [customerservice@npenumerator.com](mailto:customerservice@npenumerator.com).
- Complete the on-line application at the NPES web site <https://NPES.cms.hhs.gov/NPES/Welcome.do>.
- An employed provider should contact their employer or other trusted organization that can obtain an NPI on their behalf through bulk enumeration, or Electronic File Interchange (EFI), with the provider's authorization.

Once providers obtain their NPI and taxonomy code(s), FOX Systems will issue verification.

**All providers required to submit their NPI should send a copy of the verification to *KyHealth Choices* by April 27, 2007.** In the table below, please add provider name, NPI, contact name, and phone number.

KY Medicaid Provider Number										
Provider Name										
NPI										
Contact Name										
Contact Phone Number	(    )									

A copy of this page along with a copy of the FOX Systems verification should be mailed or faxed to:

*KyHealth Choices*  
NPI/Taxonomy  
P.O. Box 2110  
Frankfort, KY 40602  
Fax: 502-607-8401

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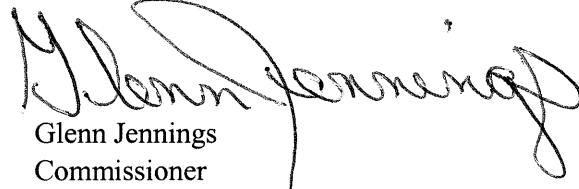
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For more information on providing NPI and taxonomy information to *KyHealth Choices*, please call 1-800-639-5195, 8am-6pm, Monday through Friday or visit one of the following websites:

- *KyHealth Choices*: <https://kyhealthchoices.fhsc.com>
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/>

We thank you for being a part of *KyHealth Choices* and for cooperating with this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn Jennings", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Glenn Jennings  
Commissioner

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